

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB411

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Ballard

3. Committee: Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources

4. Title: Military personnel; free admittance to state parks, museums, and cultural institutions.

5. Summary: Provides free access to state parks, museums, and cultural institutions to active duty and reserved members of the United States Armed Forces and their dependents.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No, see item 8.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

7a. Expenditure Impact: Indeterminate.

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2023	(\$126,331)	NGF
2024	(\$128,858)	NGF
2025	(\$131,435)	NGF
2026	(\$134,063)	NGF
2027	(\$136,745)	NGF
2028	(\$139,480)	NGF
2029	(\$142,269)	NGF

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that this bill may reduce state park revenues by an indeterminate amount as the number of active duty and reserved members of the United States Armed Forces and their dependents who may visit the parks is not known.

Currently, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) offers free parking and admission to all active duty and retired military on Veterans Day. This bill would provide free access to state parks, museums, and cultural institutions to active duty and reserved members of the United States Armed Forces and their dependents. Based on data from the US Department of Defense, there are 125,655 active duty military members and 9,100 reserve members in Virginia.

To calculate an estimate on potential revenue loss, DCR applied the population percentage of active duty and reserved members of the United States Armed Forces, 1.6 percent of the total population, to FY 2021 actual revenue collections with a 2 percent anticipated increase

annually. As such, it is estimated that offering free access to state parks could potentially reduce revenues by \$126,331 beginning in FY 2023. With a 2 percent anticipated increase annually the revenue loss amount would be \$142,269 by FY 2029.

The bill also authorizes free access to museums, and cultural institutions to active duty and reserved members of the United States Armed Forces and their dependents. At this time, any loss in ticket revenues is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation; Virginia Museum of Natural History; The Science Museum of Virginia; Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation; Gunston Hall; Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia; Gari Melchers Home and Studio; The James Monroe Museum.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.